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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN EVACUEES

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1. I CALLED ON PHAEN WANNAMETHI, UNDER SECRETARY AND SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THE EVACUATION OF CERTAIN CAMBODIANS AS WELL AS OTHER PERSONNEL FROM PHNOM PENH. PHAEN FULLY AGREED AND GAVE US A GREEN LIGHT TO PROCEED ON CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT PERSONNEL ARE IN TRANSIT STATUS AND THAT USG WILL INSURE THAT THEY MOVE ON TO ALTERNATE DESTINATIONS.

2. I MENTIONED TO PHAEN THE FACT THAT EVACUEES MAY COME IN TO BANGKOK AIRPORT (DON MUANG) OR UTAPAO. WE NEEDED TO HAVE ARRANGEMENTS AT BOTH LOCATIONS TO HANDLE PERSONNEL WHO MAY WELL ARRIVE WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION. PHAEN AGREED AND PHONED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION

IN MY PRESENCE TO SEE THAT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE. AS RESULT, WHEN EVACUATION IS TRIGGERED WE WILL FLY SEVERAL THAI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO UTAPAO TO HANDLE PROCESSING THERE FOR THOSE WHO ARRIVE AT THE BASE. ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALREADY SET UP AT DON MUANG. WHEN THINGS START TO MOVE WE WILL ALSO CONTACT KHMER EMBASSY HERE AND SEEK ITS SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN

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PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

3. ONE MINOR HITCH IS THAT UNDER THAI IMMIGRATION LAW IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR RTG TO GIVE VISA TO KHMER FOR MORE THAN 7 DAYS. EXTENSION, HOWEVER, IS POSSIBLE. PHAEN WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO HAS FINAL AUTHORITY ON EXTENSIONS, TO FACILITATE PROCESS. HOWEVER, TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IT WILL SIMPLIFY MATTERS HERE IF PERSONNEL CAN BE MOVED ON TO THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINATIONS WITHIN 7 DAYS.

4. TEMPORARY THOUGH SOMEWHAT PRIMITIVE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON

UTAPAO BASE AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT MOST KHMER PERSONNEL WILL STAY THERE UNTIL THEY DEPART FROM THAILAND.

5. FOR PHNOM PENH: RECOGNIZE YOUR PROBLEM BUT HOPE YOU WILL INFORM US, WITH AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE, OF NATIONALITY, ARRIVAL TIME, DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING EVACUEES. BOTH WE AND RTG WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST. MASTERS

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